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In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 10/645,638 Art Unit: 2627

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For: **LOADING MECHANISM, DRIVE UNIT,  
AND INFORMATION PROCESSING  
APPARATUS**

## RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 29, 2006, Applicants hereby elect the species of Figs. 8-14. At least claims 1-17 should be readable on the elected species.

This election is made with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that the entire application can be examined without the "serious" burden contemplated by

M.P.E.P. § 803. Therefore, Applicants request examination and favorable action on all of the pending claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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